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I may add that, unless you disapprove, I shall hereafter disinfect all steerage passengers for United States ports, irrespective of the actual presence of the graver epidemic diseases; for dysentery, likely to be, annually, long present with us, may be a more serious danger than is generally supposed. To this routine disinfection the steamer men have agreed.

Respectfully,
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

Plague in Osaka.

YOKOHAMA, April 16, 1900.

SIR: Plague is now present in Osaka. Will reimpose quarantine. Send prophylactic self and staff directions.

ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, April 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this station for the week ended March 31, 1900: Six vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The Holland-America Line steamship *Maasdam* sailing for New York on the 30th instant carried both passengers and freight. She carried 24 cabin and 363 steerage passengers, also 214 pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 80 pieces were disinfected and labeled. The health of this port continues to be good.

Respectfully,
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NORWAY.

Quarantine against Japan, Argentina, Sandwich Islands, and New Caledonia.

CHRISTIANIA, March 20, 1900.

SIR: Inclosed I have the honor to send duplicate copies of a proclamation issued by the Norwegian Government and declaring quarantine against Japan, Argentina, the Sandwich Islands, and New Caledonia.

In the same proclamation the quarantine regulations against the ports of Egypt and Santos in Brazil are revoked. Translation follows.

Respectfully,
 Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

HENRY BORDEWICH,
United States Consul.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

Notice from the royal Norwegian Government, justice and police department.

CHRISTIANIA, March 15, 1900.

A royal proclamation was issued on the 10th instant and reads as follows:
 In connection with the royal proclamations of February 1, 1897, June 27, August 22, October 10 and 27, and December 5, 1899, it is hereby proclaimed that, in conformity